

ETHMIA BIPUNCTELLA F. (LEP.: ETHMIIDAE) IN LINCOLNSHIRE. — My friend Gerald Haggett kindly sent me a number of full-grown larvae of this species that he took on the Lincolnshire coast on 17th August last. They were found feeding on Viper's Bugloss, which is not a common plant in Lincolnshire. Meyrick (1927) gives Bucks. and Kent, and I also have a specimen from Sussex (Peacehaven, 1951), but I am not aware that the species has been recorded from elsewhere in Britain. J. M. CHALMERS-HUNT, 24.viii.1978.

PHYLLONORYCTER DISTENTELLA (ZELLER) IN EAST KENT. — From mines on the underside of oak leaves collected at Ellenden Wood, Whitstable on 17th October, 1977, a series of this local moth emerged between 17th May, 1978 and 23rd May, 1978.

I have subsequently captured single specimens of *P. distentella* at Crockham Wood, Hernehill (some 2-3 miles from Ellenden as the crow flies), on 10th June, 1978 and 24th June, 1978. Identification has kindly been confirmed by Dr. Ian Watkinson. — N. F. HEAL, Fosters, Detling Hill, Maidstone, Kent. [This species has only once before been recorded from Kent, the moth having been taken by the late H. W. Daltry in Blean Woods in early June 1935 (cf. Daltry, *Entomologist*, 69: 114). — Editor.]

A NEW ICHNEUMON PARASITE OF THE PURPLE HAIRSTREAK (QUERCUSIA QUERCUS L.). — During June 1977, 18 larvae of the Purple Hairstreak were obtained by beating in a Hampshire locality, and a further two from Sussex. These produced 16 adults during July, of which 12 were released in a Middlesex wood already containing a large colony of this butterfly. However, four pupae did not emerge, and since these were obviously still alive they were kept over winter on the assumption that they would emerge in July 1978.

During May 1978, each produced an ichneumon which was kindly identified by Mr. Ian Gauld of the Commonwealth Institute of Entomology as *Agropon anomelas* Grav., a rare species whose host(s) to date had escaped detection. Three of these specimens now add to the eleven in the national collection. — A. M. GEORGE, M.Sc., 67 Potter Street, Northwood, Middlesex.

HENRY NOEL HUMPHREYS AND HIS GENERA OF BRITISH MOTHS. — There appears to be some doubt about both the mode of, and the date of, publication of H. N. Humphrey's "The Genera of British Moths". The present high prices being commanded by books of this sort has drawn many copies out of the woodwork and there is scarcely a bookshop, or bookseller's catalogue, without a copy on offer this year. It would certainly appear to be one of Humphrey's commoner publications. Copies are offered bound either as one or two volumes and in/out of original publishers decorated embossed cloth binding. From internal statements the similar Butterfly Genera book can be dated to 1859. For the moths, 1858, 1859 and